

## **Housing Smart Committee Meeting Minutes**

**June 23, 2025**

Call to Order - 6:07

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call - Names of members (Write Absent or Present)

- Sara Bayer - Absent
- Philip Mones - Present
- Sophie Grant - Present
- Vickie Starr - Present
- Deb Dolan - Present

Two Audience members in attendance, Laurena Allan and Scott Riley

The bulk of this meeting was spent discussing the future of a residential property owned by Laurena Allan and Scott Riley, who came to the meeting to see if our committee could offer any creative solutions around a property they own in Pine Hill that had been severely damaged by negligent tenants. The tenants not only caused significant damage to the house while living there, but it also took many months for Allan and Riley to evict them, adding additional expenses to an already costly situation. Consequently, Allan and Riley had lost their desire to be landlords, despite having been able to offer this property for below market rent for many years, even before the most recent tenants lived there.

Because Allan and Riley had always rented this property to long-term tenants for what was a “break-even” rent price, and felt committed to contributing positively to the town’s need for rental homes that were within financial reach for local residents, they wanted to see if Shandaken’s housing committee had any creative ideas for how the property could remain on the market as a long-term rental even as they themselves had decided they needed to divest from it. It was agreed amongst the committee that we would discuss this with some other local community members who have been active around housing issues to see if we could come up with some ideas.

After the discussion with the audience members' concerns, Vickie Starr gave an update on the Comp Plan process, and the upcoming July 20th community engagement events, Flyers were also given to committee members to distribute to neighbors, etc.

Vickie Starr also reminded everyone to get out and vote in the Town Supervisor primary taking place the following day.

Motion to close the meeting made by Sophie Grant at 7:38. All in favor? Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Vickie Starr

**The next Housing Smart Committee meeting will take place on Monday, July 28th @ 6pm @ Shandaken Town Hall.**